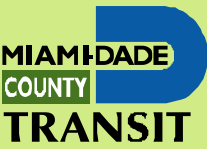




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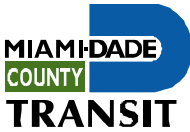
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program News

Miami-Dade Transit offers innovative training to DBEs



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a message from the director **ROOSEVELT BRADLEY**

Accessible, efficient public transportation is a cornerstone to community development and economic growth for Miami-Dade County. Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) is excited to play such a significant role in the implementation of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) – a visionary program that will include new additions and improvements to our transit network.

“The projects generated by the People’s Transportation Plan will create significant contracting opportunities for DBEs.”

A significant part of MDT's participation involves the planning and construction of the new transit corridors identified in the PTP. MDT is also committed to ensuring that our Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program supports the economic growth and development of the community. Our goal is to help DBE firms position for and capture meaningful roles in the many PTP projects that will be carried out over the next decade and beyond.

I look forward to an ongoing dialogue with you through ***Making Connections***, our newsletter focused on DBE interests. Working together we can all make a difference in realizing the PTP and in creating greater opportunities for DBE participation.



Miami-Dade Transit Creates Professional Learning Exchange

Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) has established an extensive offering of professional educational workshops designed to give DBEs ready access to expert industry knowledge of systems and technologies, management techniques, planning strategies and many other topics. Our objective is to help you to better position for, respond to and capture the broad range of contracting opportunities associated with the People's Transportation Plan. Our educational exchange will also be helpful to those who wish to grow their businesses, expand their capabilities and pursue larger, more complex work in the future.

The workshops will be led by industry specialists, and will address such relevant subjects as project management, project controls, information management and marketing. There will be no fee to participate in these sessions, which will be held quarterly. The first workshop on Scheduling & Cost Controls is scheduled for January 11, 2006. It will cover effective measures for scheduling and controlling projects, and introduce key project management tools. You'll learn techniques for forecasting, budgeting, monitoring, controlling, analyzing and reporting costs.

Classes fill up quickly, so register early to participate! To register, please contact Karen Hollis at 305.375.1695 or send an e-mail to khollis@miamidade.gov.

Scheduling & Cost Controls Workshop

date Wednesday, January 11, 2006
time 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
place Government Center, 18th Floor
 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL

concepts that help to build relevant skills and keeping the DBE community informed about contracting opportunities.

MDT Launches New DBE Program Focused on Getting Results

Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) has developed a new, results-focused DBE program with a variety of proactive approaches to support DBE firms in pursuing the significant work that will be available through the People's Transportation Plan. The enhanced DBE outreach strategy features regular training sessions in industry best practices and business management; networking opportunities that bring together DBE firm owners, MDT staff and experts in areas of special interest; and a DBE partnership program with non-DBE firms. These and other approaches – including this newsletter – support the formal sharing of critical information and an ongoing, open dialogue between the DBE community, MDT and other project stakeholders.

PTP Contracting Opportunities

Miami-Dade Transit's (MDT's) Office of Civil Rights and Labor Relations is committed to providing DBE firms with timely, reliable information on contracting opportunities. The following list of engineering, design and construction contracting opportunities have been identified to-date for the PTP. Make sure that you are on MDT's list to receive Requests for Proposals (RFPs). For more information, please contact Maria Cerna at 305.375.4583 or e-mail mcerna@miamidade.gov.

Design Contracts

Dec 2005	Pedestrian Overpasses along US-1
Jan 2006	North Corridor Final Design
Mar 2007	North Corridor Systems Contractor <i>(Design, Furnish & Install)</i>
TBD	S.W. 344th Street Park & Ride Design
Sep 2007	MIC-FIU Systems Consultant <i>(Prepare Design, Furnish & Install Specs Only)</i>
Jun 2008	MIC-FIU Final Design
Apr 2009	MIC-FIU Systems Contractor <i>(Design, Furnish & Install)</i>

Construction Contracts

Jan 2006	Douglas Road Pedestrian Overpass Access Ramp
Jan 2006	Safety Improvements for the Phase I Busway (MCC)
Jan 2006	Metromover Test Track Safety Walkway
Feb 2006	S.W. 296th Street Park & Ride Lot (MCC)
May 2006	Metromover Escalator Covers & Escalator Replacement
Mar 2007	MLK Transit Village
Mar 2007	MIC-Earlington Heights <i>(Including Systems Design, Procurement & Fabrication)</i>
Apr 2008	South Miami Pedestrian Overpass
Apr 2008	University Pedestrian Overpass
Jan 2009	North Corridor
Jul 2010	MIC-FIU

Look for PTP Operations contracting opportunities in the next issue.

DBE Success Story

EAC Consulting, Inc.



Enrique (Rick) Crooks, P.E., President of EAC Consulting, Inc., and his talented staff have a track record for delivering services to Miami-Dade Transit (MDT). Prior to forming EAC, Rick and other key EAC staff members – Richard Kinkad, P.E, Selcuk Yetimoglu, P.E., and Jorge Rodriguez, P.E. – worked together on the original Metromover Brickell Extension project. Based on this and other successes, Rick established EAC in 1994 to provide engineering consulting services for infrastructure improvement and development projects for pubic agencies and the private sector.

“The PTP projects supported by MDT's DBE program will help solidify the future growth of local DBEs.”

The People’s Transportation Plan (PTP) is especially attractive because it creates a unique opportunity for MDT to support DBE development. Rick points out that, “Instead of relying heavily on importing mass transit expertise for a program of this magnitude and duration, MDT can help local DBE firms grow to where they can provide this expertise as well as export it outside of the County.” Speaking of his own firm’s growth and goals for the future, Rick would like to see “EAC develop to where it is one of the recognized firms in the County that benefited from MDT’s forward-looking DBE program, and can in turn provide assistance to the program by mentoring other DBE firms.”

send us your comments



Share your ideas on disadvantaged business enterprise development!

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